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LIGHT INTERFERENCE METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 24, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks in favor of the allowance of claims 1 and 3-20 of the above-referenced patent application. A version of the amendments that includes markings to denote the amended subject matter is included below.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel ~~claims 2 and 21-59~~ without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 19 as follows:

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